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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - POSSIBILITY OF US CONTRIBUTION TO
UN FUND AND UN COORDINATION OF SOMNIFERUM STRAW
RESEARCH

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FOR US DELEGATION CND

1. POSITIVE RESPONSE OF UN NARCOTICS LABORATORY CHIEF
BRAENDEN TO SUGGESTIONS RE: UN COORDINATION OF SOMNIFERUM
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STRAW RESEARCH IS ENCOURAGING; WE AGREE SUCH AN EFFORT

WOULD HAVE DESIRABLE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT AS WELL AS PROVIDE TECHNICAL BASIS FOR ADVANCING ADOPTION STRAW PROCESSING METHOD. ACCORDINGLY DELEGATION AUTHORIZED AT ITS DISCRETION TO PROPOSE SUCH A SOMNIFERUM PROJECT IN ITS STATEMENT ON ITEM 9.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL US CONTRIBUTION OF 2 MILLION DOLLARS WHETHER LINKED TO THIS PROJECT OR NOT, DEPT ALONG WITH THE DELEGATION DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANNOUNCING OUR NEXT CONTRIBUTION AT THIS MEETING. AS DELEGATION IS AWARE OUR MOST RECENT STATEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH US CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR OTHER DONORS AND POTENTIAL DONORS TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN ORDER TO PUT OUR PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION MORE IN BALANCE. SUCH BALANCE OR IMBALANCE WILL BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR

CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION FOR FY 75 FUNDS. WE HAVE FORESEEN, TOO, THAT CURRENT CND SESSION WOULD PROVIDE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO EXERT MAXIMUM INFLUENCE OBTAIN ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

3. QUESTION ARISES, TOO, WHETHER WE COULD NOT ACHIEVE OUR IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE OF GETTING UNFDAC TO SUPPORT HIGH PRIORITY POPPY STRAW RESEARCH PROGRAM BY LABORATORY FROM CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FUNDS. MARTENS' REPORT TO THE CND ON UNFDAC (E/CN.7/562, ANNEX 1, PAGE 3) INDICATES THAT HE HAS AVAILABLE 2.3 MILLION DOLLARS FOR ADDITIONAL PROJECTS. COULD NOT THE 800 THOUSAND DOLLARS FORESEEN AS FIRST YEAR'S EXPENDITURES FOR POPPY STRAW RESEARCH BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM THESE FUNDS? CONGRESS AND CRITICS ARE SURE TO ASK THIS QUESTION. DELEGATION IS REQUESTED, THEREFORE, TO EXPLORE THIS POSSIBILITY WITH MARTENS AND INFORM DEPT OF HIS REACTION.

4. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE LATEST INFO ON INTENTION OF AUSTRALIA, JAPAN AND OTHERS WHOM WE HAD REASON TO BELIEVE MIGHT ANNOUNCE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION DURING CND. THIS INFO WOULD HAVE IMPORTANT BEARING ON TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR NEXT CONTRIBUTION. RUSH

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